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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. BOTH WE AND COMMERCE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING
(THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS, IF APPROPRIATE) ANY FURTHER
DETAILS YOU COULD GIVE US ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE
"VOLUNTARY" RESIGNATION OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYEE AT USCO,
MENTIONED IN YOUR 1267.

2. SOVIET RECREATIONAL PROPERTY AT PIONEER POINT (MOSCOW
1274, PARA 1): FIRST REFUSAL RIGHT PERTAINS ONLY TO THE
SMALL PARCEL. SOVIET EMBASSY COULD MAINTAIN THAT IT HAS
PERMISSION TO ACQUIRE THE SMALL PARCEL; THEY WERE GIVEN
PERMISSION IN 1971 AND THE PERMISSION WAS REAFFIRMED IN
1975.

3. RE SUPERCONDUCTING TRANSMISSION PROJECT (MOSCOW 1345),
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WE HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO TAKE MALTSEV'S LEGALISTIC ARGU-
MENT (MOSCOW 839) AT FACE VALUE BECAUSE DOE ASSERTS THAT
THE LAST SOVIET TEAM TO VISIT US ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED
VISITS TO US MANUFACTURING FACILITIES. MATTER WAS NOT
ADDRESSED ONE WAY OR OTHER IN PROTOCOL BECAUSE, FROM DOE'S
POINT OF VIEW, SUCH VISITS WERE ALREADY ACCEPTED AS

LEGITIMATE ACTIVITY. THERE WAS NO DEAL STRUCK TO INCLUDE OR EXCLUDE THEM. DOE IS PEEVED AT NON-RECIPROCAL ASPECTS OF SOVIET APPROACH, BUT INCLINED TO BE FLEXIBLE. A MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS, AND WE WILL GET MORE FACTS FROM DOE.

4. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE PONOMAREV DELEGATION RAN INTO DEMONSTRATIONS AT LOS ANGELES. ON JANUARY 29, SEVEN OR EIGHT JDL MEMBERS GOT INTO RESTAURANT WHERE DELEGATION WAS LUNCHING AND A 15-YEAR-OLD THREW A BOWL OF SALAD AT THE HEAD TABLE, HITTING VYSOTIN. THERE WAS A DEMONSTRATION AT THE HOTEL ON THE SAME DAY. ON JANUARY 30 150 TO 175 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED PEACEFULLY AT HOTEL. IN WAKE OF THIS TWO ADDITIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN SENT TO DETROIT, WHERE WE HAVE EARLIER UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATION. SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET COMPLAINED TO US. MARK IS TRAVELLING WITH THE GROUP AND REPORTS THAT HE EXPRESSED OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL REGRETS TO PONOMAREV. - - -
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